

FINGER LAKES GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Finger Lakes Group Presents Awards

March 4, 2006 the Finger Lakes Group held its annual banquet and awards ceremony at the Avon Inn, in Avon, New York. The event was attended by nearly 100 group members and guests from across the wing. Those guests included Lt. Colonel Mark Caiello, NY Wing Chief of Staff and his wife; Lt. Colonel Terry LeFeber, NY Wing Inspector General; Lt. Colonel Bill Hughes, NY Wing Director of Emergency Services; and Major George Fillgrove, Commander of Western New York Group, joined by his wife and son. Several Mitchell and Earhart awards were presented to cadets, as well as, certificates of appreciation to several members for their assistance throughout the year.

The Following Group awards were presented:

Cadet of the Year: C/Captain Colin M. Ryan

Cadet NCO of the Year: C/CMSgt. Joseph J. Milazzo

FLG Cadet of the Year nominee to New York Wing: C/Major Shawn M. Herrmann

FLG Cadet NCO of the Year nominee to New York Wing: C/CMSgt. Alexander T. Ulbright (now C/2nd Lt)

Senior of the Year: Captain Jeffrey A. Gleason

Squadron of the Year: Condor Composite Squadron

Most Improved Squadron: Rochester Senior Squadron

Finger Lakes Group Completes Inspection

Group staff underwent a regular inspection on 4 March 2006. Results have not been published, however, thank you to everyone who participated and/or assisted with the inspection. The inspection process provides critical oversight and is an important and valuable tool that keeps command staff up-to-date and ready to perform our important missions. Semper Vigilans!

Special Note on Upcoming Events.

The Rochester Airshow has been cancelled this year. The WINGS 2006 program will be held again this year, Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6, 2006. We have been asked to participate again this year to assist with crowd control, keeping people safe around aircraft, etc. For those of you that attended last year, thank you and we hope you come back. We are also encouraging the participation of members (cadet and senior) who haven't participated before. More information will be forthcoming as details are confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please let Captain Scott Gardner know by email at publicaffairs@frontiernet.net

NYWG Conference is Coming

The New York Wing Conference is fast approaching. This year it will be held 28-30 April 2006, again at the Treadway Inn, in Owego, New York. All conference information is available at: <http://www.nywg.cap.gov/Conf06.htm>

NYWG Encampment Information

The New York Wing 2006 Leadership Encampment will be held at Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia, NY, and will run from 22 to 29 July for in-flight cadets. The application deadline for Command Staff (C/CC, C/DCC, C/XO, C/1st Sgt) is 1 April 2006. For more info, use the following link:

<http://www.burns-computing.com/encampment2006/apply.shtml>

OTHER NEWS:

Air Force Releases 2006 Posture Statement

The Air Force released its "posture statement" detailing the service's missions and priorities over the next year. The document's introduction asks Airmen to look from their heritage to the horizon, taking lessons from the past and adapting them for the future. The posture statement expands the main Air Force objectives regarding the global war on terror, our Airmen, and aircraft & equipment and why they're important to today's Airmen. Click here

<<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?83192&3406655&AFC-20060316105719>> for more information.

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123016812>

Recognition Ceremony Returns to Air Force Academy

"Recognition" is being reinstated at the Air Force Academy after a three-year hiatus. Recognition 2006 events start after classes March 16 and conclude with a celebratory dinner March 18. Recognition marks the transition of the fourth classmen to upper class status. It is the ceremonial acknowledgement that the fourth class as a whole has successfully met the military training requirements expected of it and is prepared to continue its four-year journey through the rigors of academy life. Click here <<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?83194&3406655&AFC-20060316105719>> for story. <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123017154>

Air Force Implements New Cell Phone Restriction

As of Feb. 27, drivers are not allowed to talk on their cell phones while driving on Air Force installations without a hands-free device. This violation will now be considered a "primary offense," which means violators will be stopped solely for this offense. This policy is part of the Department of Defense's Joint Traffic Guidance. Drivers who violate this restriction will be given three assessment points against their driving records or an appropriate fine. This restriction also applies to drivers of all government owned vehicles. ***For those CAP members that live in New York, this will not be a difficult change. Just be sure to obey this new rule if you travel to Air Force installations.***

Air Force Introduces Next Generation Cruise Missile

The Air Force's next generation cruise missile -- the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile (JASSM) - is 14 feet long and 2,250 pounds. JASSM is an autonomous, conventional munition with a standoff range of more than 200 nautical miles. It is designed to defeat heavily defended, high-priority enemy targets deep behind enemy lines. Click here <<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?83196&3406655&AFC-20060316105719>> for story.

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123017022>

Air Force Receives Its First Combat Configured CV-22 Osprey

Aeronautical Systems Center received the first combat configured CV-22 Osprey during a ceremony March 1 at the Bell manufacturing facility in Amarillo, Texas. The Air Force plans to purchase 50 CV-22s for long-range infiltration, exfiltration and re-supply of special operations forces in hostile or denied territory. The Osprey provides twice the speed, up to five times the range and significantly enhanced survivability. Click here <<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?83197&3406655&AFC-20060316105719>> for story.

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123016944>

Air Force to Test Crop-Derived Jet Fuel

University of North Dakota researchers say a new jet fuel they have developed from crop oils is almost ready for testing by the Air Force. Click here <<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?83198&3406655&AFC-20060316105719>> for Fox News story. <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,186321,00.html>

GPS Helps Warfighters Track the Enemy

When U.S. forces get to Iraq and Afghanistan, they're finding dry, featureless terrain with no real landmarks or points of reference to use when they travel across these wide-open and often dangerous landscapes. Warfighters are now turning to a 12-channel device known as the Defense Advanced Global Positioning System Receiver, or DAGR, to get vital information. Click here <<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?83199&3406655&AFC-20060316105719>> for story. <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123016799>

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